

Town of Discovery Bay A California Community Services District "Friday Letter" To the Board of Directors MAY 30, 2014

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

General Manager/Administration:

✓ In recognition of the Town's designation as a District of Distinction, I had an all-hands meeting late this afternoon to celebrate our collective accomplishments. See photo below, of all those (with the exception of the BOD and that happens Wednesday night) who helped us to achieve this milestone.



- ✓ In Today's Agenda is the Preliminary FY 2014-16 Budget. The type on some of the spreadsheets is very small, and we will have full size documents available for you at the meeting. If you would like to have a complete document prior to the meeting, please let me know.
- ✓ I spent some time on a conference call today with a number of other agencies in the area that are seeking drought relief funding through the Governor's Prop 84 release of funds.

Our project (on-site reclaimed water) appears to be one of the better supported projects. There is still more work to be done and the authorization to submit will more than likely come before the Board on July 2nd.

✓ This past Tuesday the Town hosted the Discovery Bay's Chamber of Commerce Business
Mixer. I heard so many positive comments about the event, and the Community Center in
particular. The Excelsior Archery Team that recently won the state championship and
travelled to Kentucky for Nationals demonstrated their archery skills to the Mixer guests. It
was a very well received demonstration. The photo below shows the Mixer in motion:



✓ The auditors completed their field work associated with the FY 2012-13 Audit. The preliminary audit was scheduled to be presented to the Board on June 4th, with the final on June 18th. However, they were delayed and will be presenting the Draft to the Board at the Budget workshop on June 11.

Parks, Landscape and Recreation Services

✓ As you know, the Community Center swimming pool opened Memorial Day weekend. The turnout far exceeded our expectations, and more than \$1,100 was brought in over the two day for admissions, seasonal passes, and snacks. The pool is open weekends until school is out for the summer, then daily until school starts back in session.



✓ Staying on the pool, our new pool sign went up today that replaces the paper one that was there before. It looks great, and provides all the information anyone will need to know about pricing, cost of snacks, and merchandise.



Water and Wastewater Services

- ✓ Just a reminder: The Town's new NPDES Permit is up for Water Board (RWQCB) approval on June 6. The agenda is long and it will likely be a rather long day. The meeting is scheduled to take place in Sacramento and it begins at 9:00 a.m. We will be attending that meeting seeking approval of the new permit.
- ✓ The skip loader that the Board authorized to purchase at auction last Sunday morning. After taking a look at it, it is obvious we got a really great piece of equipment for a very modest price. I will have it on display at Wednesday's Board meeting.



- ✓ The bids on the final component of the Well 7 construction project came in on Thursday afternoon. There were 5 bidders with a high of \$813,100 to a low of \$635,400. The apparent low bidder is Conco West who built our solar dryer and belt press project. We are very happy that they appear to be the low bidder. The Engineer's estimate for this portion of the work is \$605,000.
- ✓ As a part of the RWQCB requirements, we are allowed to surface spread our dried biosolids on the fields behind the treatment plant that we own. The intern that is working with us again this summer is identifying crops that can be grown with reclaimed water and with biosolids as fertilization. We are looking to do a small demonstration/test of approximately 10 pistachio and 10 olive trees to see how they react to the reclaimed water and fertilizer. The idea is to be able to market the area behind the plant to farmers as a revenue producing enterprise. Ironhouse Sanitary District has a herd of over 2,000 cattle that they ranch and send to market, providing a large income source for their District. Just an idea...

Important Dates

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- CSD Regular Board Meeting June 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
- Budget Workshop June 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
- CSD Regular Board Meeting June 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.